this subsection may not be considered for purposes of determining the per diem allowance of the member under subsection (a).

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by subsection (a) 37 USC 405 note. shall apply with respect to expenses incurred after August 31, 1990.

SEC. 623. CLARIFICATION OF ALLOWANCE FOR TRANSPORTATION OF HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS

(a) WAIVER FOR SUBSTANTIAL HARDSHIP.—Section 406(b)(l) of title 37, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

"(D) In connection with the change of temporary or permanent station of a member in a pay grade below pay grade O-6, the Secretary concerned may authorize a higher weight allowance than the weight allowance determined under subparagraph (C) for the member if the Secretary concerned determines that the application of the weight allowance determined under such subparagraph would result in significant hardship to the member or the dependents of the member. An increase in weight allowance under this subparagraph may not result in a weight allowance exceeding the weight allowance specified in subparagraph (C) for pay grades O-6 to O-10. The Secretary of Defense shall prescribe regulations to carry out Regulations. this subparagraph.".

(2) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—Subparagraph (C) of such section is amended by inserting "in pounds" after "weight allowance" in the matter preceding the table.

(3) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The authority provided in subparagraph (D), 37 USC 406 note. as added by subsection (a), shall apply with respect to the transportation of baggage and household effects occurring after June 30, 1989.

SEC. 624. TRAVEL ENTITLEMENT FOR MEMBERS ASSIGNED TO A VESSEL UNDER CONSTRUCTION

(a) AUTHORIZATION FOR TRAVEL ALLOWANCE.—(1) Chapter 7 of title 37, United States Code, is amended by inserting after section 406b the following new section:

"§ 406c. Travel and transportation allowances: members assigned to a vessel under construction

"(a) ALLOWANCE AUTHORIZED.—(1) Under regulations prescribed Regulations.

by the Secretary concerned, a member of the uniformed services who is assigned to permanent duty aboard a ship that is under construction at a location other than—

"(A) the designated home port of the ship; or

"(B) the area where the dependents of the member are residing,

is entitled to transportation, or an allowance for transportation under section 404(d)(3) of this title, for round-trip travel from the port of construction to either of those locations as provided in paragraph (2).

"(2) A member referred to in paragraph (1) shall be entitled to such transportation or allowance on or after the thirty-first day (and every sixtieth day after the thirty-first day) after the later of—

"(A) the date on which the ship enters the construction port; and

"(B) the date on which the member becomes permanently assigned to the ship.